### WILLTESTTHE LAW

Local Option is Again Attacked in the Supreme Court

MAY WEBSTER BACK TO JAIL

To Remain There Until She is Needed in the Prince Michael Case-News

of the State.

Lasano, May 3 .- Nearly the entire day in the supreme court was occupied in disposing of motions, and none of the cases upon the calendar were reached. The most important matters were applications for mandamuses, which will test the validity of the Miner election law and the election in Eaton county under the local option law, by which the county went "dry," and a hearing under a habe as corpus proceeding, in which the sister of May Webster, a witness detained in the notorious "Prince" Michael or "Flying Eaton county under the local option law, by which the county went "dry," and a hearing under a habe as corpus proceeding, in which the sister of May Webster, a witness detained in the notorious "Prince" Michael or "Flying roll" case in Detroit made application for her release upon the ground that she was detained against her will and desired a release. The assistant prosecuting attorney of Wayne county read an affidavit from the witness, who was present in court, to the effect that she was not detained against her wish. The court took a recess and examined the affiant in chambers, and she still adnaring to the opinion expressed in her affidavit, was remanded to be to the county jail. The sister, so solicitous for her release, is one of the wives of the "Prince."

The local option election in Eaton

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Death record—Mrs. H. S. Ismon,
Jackson, 52, complication of diseases;
J. W. Rich, business man of Manister, 50, pneumonia; Mrs. Jacob Rinkle, Dimondale, 70, old age; Mrs. O. B. Maynard, Flint, 92, paralysis, Timothy Tracy, Battle Creek, 28, rheumatism of the stomach; T. A. Chadwick, Battle Creek, 74, general debility; James A. Danjees, Jackson, 22, consumption; Charles A. Duniham. Sandstone, 30, consumption; Mrs. Jacob Schneider, Adrian, 43, paralysis; Mrs. Mary William Mrs. Harriet Bluette, Detroit, 56; Mrs. W. C. Richards, Detroit; Bernard C. Kelly, Lansing, 56, complication of diseases;

May White, a Detroit woman 24

The local option election in Eaton county is contested upon the ground that the affidavits attached to the petitions to the board of supervisors fal to show that the parties making them were residents of the township, that there was no transcript of the politist accompanying the petition; that the petitions from the wards of the city of Charlotte contained the names of persons not residents and voters in the wards; that the voting in Opeids township was all done in one district, when it should have been in two; that the supervisors in some of the town-ships circulated the petitions them-selves, and a general attack upon the constitutionality of the law on general

It is conceded that the voting in Oneida was as charged, but that it did not affect the result and the township might be even thrown out without affecting it; that there is nothing in affecting it; that there is nothing in the law preventing supervisors from circulating the petitions, as they are not benefited personally and it is not against public policy; that the parties making the affidavits signed the peti-tions and therein stated they were res-idents of the township; that the tran-scripts of poll lists were filed, for the record of the supervisors' meeting shows them to have been examined also; that any irregularities in the petialso; that any irregularities in the petitions cannot be reviewed by the su-preme court, as the law makes the sction of the supervisors final. Wednesday's Call-77, 79, 82, and

state cases.

The following Grand Rapids attorneys were in attendance at court: L. D. Norris, Albert Crane, McGeorge Bundy, W. D. Fuller, W. W. Hyde.

THE MINER BILL.

Its Validity. Laxarso, May 3.-The presidential electors nominated upon the state ticket, fourteen in number, took the first steps in the supreme court today to test the validity of the Miner elec-tion law. Application was made by H. M. Dutheid their counsel for a mandamus compelling the secretary of state between the dates of July 1 and September 1 next to notify the sheriffs in each county that at the next general election electors for president and vice president will be chosen. The court granted an order to show cause returnable on Thursday, May 12 at 2 p. m. when arguments upon the motion and application will be heard. Whatever the action of this court, it will un-doubtedly go to the United States su-preme court, and this early action gives ample time for sajudication before the

PISHERMAN DROWNED.

William Kline Swept Under the Current at Big Rapids.

BIG RAPIDS, May 3 .- While fishing below the dam last night, William Kline fell into the river and was drowned. He body has not been recovered. He leaves a wife and family.

Must Pay Taxes.

LANSING, May 3 .- The state railway crossing board gave a hearing today to General Counsel W. C. Goudy of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway com-pany upon the question of taxation under the new law. The company filed a supplemental report with the commissioner of railroads, including in their earnings statement their entire mileage instead of that of the main line as under the old law, thereby reducing the amount some \$270,000 apportioned to Michigan, and the amount of taxes to the state about \$15,000. The moany claimed the new law to be unconstitutional, as it gives the crossing board judicial authority, and that it designates no person in particular to represent the state. The board held that the power conferred upon the board is that of all other assessment heards, and that under the general law the railroad commissioner is the repre-sentative of the state, and that the read must be assessed and pay taxes upon the same basis as heretofore.

Cut Down Their Salaries.

Saginaw, May 3 .- The salaries of the the city officials were nearly all cut down at last right's session of the council. The biggest cut was on the city clerk, whose compensation was reduced from \$2000 to \$1400. The assessor was the city of the countriller. cut from \$1000 to \$1200, the comptroller from \$2000 to \$1800. The city clerk's perquisites, however, amount to about \$400. It goes into immediate effect.

### Railroad Man Killed.

ADRIAN, May 3 .- At 9 o'clock last sight during a thunder storm, D. J. on, a brakeman on train No. 69 on Harton, a brakeman on train No. 69 on the Lake Shore, going west, took shelt-er on the engine. He was leaning out of the gangway while near Dover, to see if his "markers" were all right, when he was struck by the span of a bridge and killed. He was 30 years old and unmarrief and had lived in To-

non ball attached to his leg for the next few months in consequence.

Newly Married Man Suicides, Nonravilla, May 3 .- Philip Taylor of Novi took a quantity of arsenic by mistake Menday evening, dying in terrible agony today. He was married a short time ago. His young wife is crased with grief.

It May Be Judge Frazer.

DETROIT, May 3.—It is generally believed here that Robert E. Frazer of this city will be nominated to succeed Judge Montgomery on the district su preme beach at a \$6000 life salary.

Horse Thief Arrested. GRAND HAVES, May 3 .- Alfred Smith who stole a team of horses at Muske-gon, was arrested here just as he was about to ship the animals across the

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May White, a Detroit woman 24 years old, took a big dose of morphine, in a seciuded part of Belle Isle park. A policeman happened along just in time to save her life. Poverty brought about by the riotons living of her father, who was once a man of wealth, prompted the act.

The sheriff of Washtenaw county is looking for a smooth swindler, circulating under the name of H. A. Scaton and representing himself to be a special agent of the Reading Insurance company, who victimized James R. Bach out of \$100. The fellow has operated at Fint and South Bend.

Detroit's police force is being drilled daily, to the end that it may take on a military appearance. The patrolmen now confine themselves to the outer edge of the sidewalk instead of describing a zig-zag course as was their wont before the military fad struck

Four years ago George Mann planted several thousand fry of wall-eyed pike in Gillett's lake, near Jackson, where none had existed before. A few days ago his son pulled one out of the wa-ters of the lake measuring thirteen

The newly organized Sailors' union at Bay City is growing rapidly. A meeting will be held next Monday evening to establish a going rate of wages, the same as in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Buffalo.

While brutalized with whisky, Lyman Lincoln assaulted Mrs. Elizs Bell at Saginaw Monday, breaking three ribs and otherwise injuring her. The unfortunate woman is in a delicate condition and not expected to live.

ne to see her when he said he would She used aconite, but a muscular doctor with an adult stomach pump saved

A Dowagiac man tried to conduct : kunk farm in the residence portion of that city, but his neighbors kicked so hard against the inodorous animals that he had to give over the enterprise. Gen. D. B. Ainger, who has for the past fourteen years owned and ably edited the Charlotte Republican, has sold out to S. J. Tomlinson, a well equipped newspaper man of Lapeer.

Wages paid employes of basket factories were never large, but the proprietors of the factories in the lake sh refruit belt say their hands must submit to a material reduction this season. The amount of the primary school

money to be apportioned this month by the superintendent of public in-struction has been determined by the auditor general to be \$457,000.

City Counselor Speed of Detroit has decided that the eight-hour ordinance recently passed by the council of that Charles H. Hackley of Muskegon has donated \$10,000 towards the astab-

ishment of a Chautauqua assembly at Lake Harbor. A Madison farmer's six cows yield an

average of forty-three pounds of milk per head. He feeds them on rye

The Sylvan Toilet company, a pros-perous manufacturing concern of Port Huron will soon remove its plant to

John C. Matthews has been arrested for embeszling \$700 while acting as clerk of the Saginaw pelice court. Chicago & Grand Trunk freights ran together at Charlotte, damaging the engines, but injuring no one.

The Charlotte Electric company has sold its entire plant and franchise to W. P. Engle of Chicago.

A musicians and prompters' union has been formed at Jackson with thirty charter members. West Bay City, Ypeilanti and Jack-son have new municipal officers-all

The German Catholic church at enominee, costing \$49,000, has been

dedicated. The dates of the Eston Rapids far have been changed to September 28, 29 and 30.

The reunion of the Second Michigan infantly will take place at Hudson Farmers in Case county are plowing their wheat fields and sowing them to

Grass Lake Episcopalians will build a new church this summer. Of the university's 2692 students 530

BIG JOHN'S PERILOUS FEAT.

triffing matter and live to tell about it with the boiling, tempestuous waters filled with large cakes of ice and drifthas for the last fourteen years on every New Year's day made this pertiens trip. from Grand Rapeds, serving a fifteen siveness one with him on duced in per cent of the footwear made them better them being about them trips. This year he made the same in America. The New England product catight in the act and will wear a can. On the morning of the first of the year.

Big John, who lives down the river from Lachine, came up to the village to see if any one had come up from Montreal to accompany him. He found two young men, other strangers to him and to each other. One, George Wait, was from Montreal, while the other, Frederick

Goyer, came from "back countrie." The men walked down to Big John's iouse, a distance of three miles. Here they launched their bons, and the party was increased by one more, Hig John's son Murray. It took only half an hour to work out through the ice and heavy water to reach the top of the rapids. As the boat approached them Big John stood up in the stern with his long pad-dle in his hand ready for the shoot. Rocks glistened on all sides with their icy coats; huge waves dashed high, leaped over the frail boat and threatened to swamp her. Goyer was kept busy bailing out with Wait, while Murray obeyed the commands of his father. Goyer describes the passage as follows: "From the time we struck the rapids

until we reached the lower end of them, John seemed a being inspired. His eyes were fairly glistening and shooting fire. I thought they would leap from their sockets with the tremendous excitement. His long, thin paddle would sweep the air like a flash and be buried in the formula of the seement. in the foaming water, swinging the boat hither and thither, aveiding this jutting rock and then that one. A cont stream of commands in French flowed from his lips to his son Murray, who was nearly the equal of his father in dexterity. Now and then he directed me in broken English to do something.

me in broken English to do something. He was a picture that no artist would ever forget, and that would haunt him until he had reproduced it on canvas."

The trip was one of excitement and peril from beginning to end, the boat passing from one rapid to another in succession. It filled continually with water and kept Wait and Goyer busy bailing. When they reached the whirl-pool, the last and most dangerous spot, Big John gave his final command, and it came near also being his last on earth. He shouted to Murray, the boy, to p.d-dle hard, and as the lad shifted his position to take a longer and stronger stroke he lost his balance and fell over on his back in the bettern of the boat. The mighty Indian, quick as a wink, threw himself down flat in the boat, and thus saved it from being capsized, the heavy waves throwing twenty buckets of water all over the party. Big John was up again in a second, and with two or three powerful strokes he spun the boat around and sent her nose straight into

the waves again. The whole incident did not occupy more than six seconds, and then the boat shot down into the home channel in a few seconds more. Big John threw his paddle into the bottem of the boat, and, almost exhausted from the violent exertion and excitement, sank down into the stern sheets. All danger was passed, but he fully realized what a close shave the party had had as he pointed back at the whiripool and said, "Je croyais qu'on allait au ciel tout rond." Which was translated, "I thought we were going to heaven, boat and all." The boat was pulled out at Jacques Cartier's landing by willing hands. Big John gave Goyer his paddle as a re-A love-sick girl in Detroit tried to minder of the trip, and announced that kill herself because her beau didn't that was the last time he would ever shoot the Lachine rapids in winter .-Cor. Chicago Tribune.

An Ancient Belle.

A novel and very interesting relic of the days when the Indians held undisputed sway in this part of the country has been found near Coupeville, Washington. It is the head of some instrument, probably a war club, and is formed from what appears to be a wal-rus tusk, the point of which is broken off. It is about ten inches long, and in the centre is a hole a triffe less than an inch square, evidently intended for the reception of a handle. As walrus are not now found in the sound, the weapon probably belonged to some of the far northern tribes, and was dropped dur-ing one of their frequent predatory ex-cursions in this vicinity.—Portland Ore-

Cost of Lighting the House of Commons. While the electric light has been applied in the house of commons at an-nual cost estimated for the coming year at £1,800, the gas bill increases rather than diminishes. Last year it was £3,000; for the coming year it is be-lieved it will not be less than £3,200. There is some slight reduction on the bill for eil lamps, which before the in-troduction of the electric light used regularly to amount to £2,000 a seaso Last year this charge was reduced to £1,900, and it is hoped that in the coming year the amount will not exceed £1,550.—London Tit-Bits.

It Never Languishes.

The force in Comptroller Colgan's office in Secremento is wreetling with the coyote scalp claims again. Other industries may languish and die, but this one seems to grow in vigor with age. County clerks have sent in claims for nine months, which show that 20,299 scalps have been taken during that period, which will pull \$191,405 from the state treasury. The southern counties especially are reaping a harvest in this direction.—San Francisco Chronicle.

How to Fred Dogs.

Dr. Gordon Stables is well known throughout Great Britain as an authority on dogs and a persistent and con-sistent friend of these four footed friends of man. In the last volume of "The Dog Owners' Annual" he says: "In the matter of feed many dog owners make grievous errors and are therefore remiss in their duty toward our friend the deg. I think the rule of a light breakfast about 8 in the morning. and a good nutritions dinner at 5 p. m., is a good one, but we should never neglect to give some mashed greens twice or thrice a week, nor forget that change good. An occasional dinner of beiled tripe is a great treat to almost any dog; so is a bit of liver lightly boiled. As to homes, young dogs may have safe once, but old dogs are better without; a handful of bonement must

An idea may be formed of the growth of manufacturing in the United States by an examination of the statistics of the heat and shee business. Twenty

dustry having been established in other parts of the Union. Since 1980 importa-tions of hides and skins have increased about 44 per cent. During the same period exports of manufactures of leather have increased more than 125 per

The janntiest conceit that has appeared in a very long time is this attractive basket, for long after its sweet burden has gone it proves a dainty receptacle for delicate fancy work in the drawing room or boudoir. The model is constructed of a small legiorn hat



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of the handle. When entirely covered the desired length, bend the wire into loops at the ends, which will make it far easier to fasten in place inside the crown of the hat, as a handle. The bag is next fashioned by sewing two strips of the silk to-gether, running a gathering thread in the lower side, and a casing surmounted by a ruffle at the top. It must be sowed firmly and neatly inside the hat, just as a hat lining is put in, after the placing of the band. The inside of this dainty silken pocket may be entirely lined with white silk, or the crown of the hat may be lined with tinfoll, and the silk pocket above left light and siry.

Ribbons are to be drawn through a the top casing, and dainty butterfly ruche bows set upon the handle just above the carnations and also on the brim of the bat. A banch of carnations is then drawn through the roll of the brim and this fairy basket is complete. Another less complicated tiny basket for benbons or triffee is made of a very delicate. chesp little white straw basket, lined inside with a bit of bright silk fulled over a finy pad of cotton batting sachet, and finished in a tiny ruffle at the edge. The handle is wound with daisy ribbon the color of the silk and garnished with minder of the trip, and announced that a minute butterfly bow at the top. A the outside in the same shade as the silk and ribbon, or fur may be used with a tiny knot of gay flowers tucked in its long hairs at one side and peeping over into the backet.

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